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SUBJ: KUKRIT SPEECH AT STATE BANQUET JUNE 11

1. FOLLOWING EXCERPTS FROM LEAD ARTICLE KOMPAS DAILY
JUNE 12:

2. QTE PRIME MINISTER KUKRIT PRAMOJ HAS AFFIRMED THAILAND'S GUARANTEE THAT IT WILL ALWAYS SUPPORT ASEAN, WHILE SAYING THAT HE HAS A SPECIAL DESIRE TO FOSTER RELATIONS WITH OTHER NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. THIS HAS BECOME THAI FOREIGN POLICY AND HAS BEEN AGREED UPON BY THE THAI PARLIAMENT.

3. QTE IT DOES NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT ALL PROBLEMS WILL AUTOMATICALLY DISAPPEAR. "IT IS VERY OFTEN SAID THAT PROBLEMS IN PEACEFUL TIMES CAN BE MORE COMPLICATED THAN IN TIME OF WAR."

4. QTE ACCORDING TO KUKRIT COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS REGION HAVE THE DUTY TO SETTLE THOSE PROBLEMS IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE. "IT IS NOW, MORE URGENTLY THAN IN THE PAST, THAT WE NEED COORDINATION IN IDEAS AND ACTIONS. CHANGES IN THIS REGION, ALTHOUGH WE HAD ALREADY PREDICTED (THEM) BEFOREHAND, HAVE OCCURRED SO FAST THAT WE NEED (TO MAKE) SUITABLE ADJUSTMENTS."

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5. QTE IF PEOPLE ASKED HIM ABOUT THE RECIPE TO REACH SUCH PEACE, THEN "I WILL ANSWER WITHOUT DOUBT THAT THERE IS NO BETTER FORMULA THAN THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL TRUST, TOLERANCE AND CONVICTION ENFORCED BY AWARENESS THAT OUR FUTURE IS INTERLOCKED AND INTERDEPENDENT."

6. QTE HE WELCOMES THE INDONESIAN CONCEPT OF NATIONAL RESILIENCE WHICH HE DESCRIBES AS HAVING SIMILARITY TO THE "HARMONIOUS NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT" BEING PRACTICED IN THAILAND TO CREATE PROSPERITY AS WELL AS TO COUNTER FOREIGN INFLUENCE THAT IS TRYING TO FISH PROFIT FROM DISORDER AND DISINTEGRATION. ENDQTE.
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